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OPENING OF NEW OFFICES OF EPF COMMISSIONER
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received representations for opening new offices of the Employees Provident Fund Commissioner in certain areas in view of the difficulties faced by the employees in the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria adopted for opening of new offices of Employees Provident Fund (EPF) Commissioner;

(d) the steps taken by the Government for setting up of EPF Commissioner Offices in the districts where the beneficiaries of the Provident Fund are quite large in the number during the last three years; and

(e) the progress/achievement made so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) to (e): A large number of representations have been received during the last three years from various quarters for opening of new offices of Employees` Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).

The proposals for opening of an office in a State is recommended by the Regional Committee of the State and subsequently considered by the Executive Committee in accordance with the criteria prescribed.

The sanctioning of new offices is governed by the norms/parameters devised by the National Productivity Council and approved by the Executive Committee, Central Board of Trustees, Employees` Provident Fund. The following factors are generally taken into account for opening of different categories of offices:
Workload Factor
Service Level Factor
Enforcement Level Factor

The number of offices opened during the last three years is 10; in addition, two sanctioned offices have not yet been made operational.